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What Happens When You Die?



Genesis 3:3-4: (NASB) ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die. ⁴The serpent said to the woman, You surely will not die!

It is awfully cliché to say it, but death is part of life. Nobody wants it, nobody likes it and nobody even likes thinking about it. But death, until further notice, is the inevitable end for every being that exists on this earth. So, what happens when you die? Talk to 10 people and you could easily get 10 different answers. Stay with us as we look into death and how the Bible defines it - you may be surprised!

How is death introduced in the Bible?

))) Early medicine to revive the dead, *Horizon Research Foundation*

- *Before the advent of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and research into cardiac arrest, after somebody died there was very little that could be done to revive them. This meant that death was very much a moment as defined by the heart stopping. Throughout the past centuries and millennia, ancient physicians also attempted to revive the dead. However, most of their attempts were largely futile. Some of the earliest attempts centered around warming a person after they had died. This is because ancient physicians associated warmth with life and coldness with death.*

Let's look at the very beginning: Genesis 1:27-28: Man was created in a unique fashion compared to the rest of the earthly creation. Man was given rule, dominion and responsibility over the earth.

Death's first reference appears in the context of brand new life: Genesis 2:15-17: The King James Version says, *Dying thou shalt die*. This gives us the sense of a death process. (Review the KJV margin for this text.)



Observations:

- God gave man the perfect environment, conducive for living;
- Man was tasked with its care and upkeep;
- Man had free access to all except the tree in the midst of the garden;
- Potential consequences for disobedience were immediately present; and
- The consequence would have an immediate effect (*Dying thou shalt die*).

))) Can't destroy consciousness, *Deepak Chopra, CNN*

- *The mind, the consciousness, the one I'm talking to right now is not a product of the brain but is localizing itself through the brain. Just like people who are seeing us right now on their screens, we are not in their television boxes. We are coming through these airways and they are perceiving us, but if they open the box, they won't find Deepak or Jeff or anyone there. So if I look inside you, I won't find your soul because it's not there. In fact, your body is experienced in your consciousness. Your mind is experiencing your consciousness and the evidence is pointing out that this consciousness is not local, which means it exists outside of space-time. Therefore mathematically, it is impossible to destroy this consciousness.*

Genesis 3:1-7: Their eyes were opened! Humankind was not created with shame. Shame occurred and the dying process began. Man *became* a soul or being: Genesis 2:7: Notice that man was not *given* a soul, he *became* a soul. BODY + BREATH = SOUL Hebrew word for soul/being: **Soul: Strong's #5315 nephesh (neh'-fesh); a breathing creature** What is the consequence - the full consequence - of disobedience for this being? Genesis 3:17-19: So, is death defined here? Is death simply going back to the pre-life state (the absence of life)? Isn't that what God is saying? If so, "die" cannot mean "live on in another state." God was very specific in Genesis to help us understand. We are dust and would return back to the original state, one of non-existence.

Are other life forms called "beings" or "souls" as well? Genesis 1:20-21: (KJV) ²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving **creature <5315>** that hath life, and fowl



that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living **creature** <5315> that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. The same word is used to describe the rest of the creation, not just man.

Meeting before your birth, *Ghosts' Past Lives*, iamjefferyallen.com

- *To really understand what happens when you die, I have to start before you were born. Now, as spirits out of body, we travel from life to life. We tend to travel with groups of spirits who have similar interests, similar things they are learning, and similar goals. Now, before this lifetime you are in right now, you had a big planning session with all the people that were going to be significant or who are significant in your life right now, as well as the spirit guide traveling with each of you, helping to coordinate and keep you on path and help line things up according to this plan that you wrote, and according to the plan that you are writing as your lives. Now, keep in mind that even though you've had a big planning session, there is kind of a path that you've set yourself forward on. This is written in pencil. You are the author of your story, so you can change it at any time.*

Genesis 2:17: (NRSV) *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall **die** <4191>.*

Die: Strong's #4191 muwth (mooth); to die (literally or figuratively); causatively, to kill
Dead: Strong's #4194 maveth; death, dying, death by violence (as a penalty)

These Scriptures make the point that the "man" and the "body" suffer the same fate:

2 Kings 8:5 Job 14:14 Ecclesiastes 10:1 (*Dead describing the flies here is the exact same word for death that is applied to humans...*) Psalms 6:5 Psalms 115:17: These Scriptures represent death as a silent, dark, non-existent state.

Does the New Testament support this idea of death as the absence of life?

Romans 6:23: This fits with the Genesis consequence of disobedience *dying thou shalt die*. Here, the wages of sin is death.

Let's take a look at the concept of immortality. According to the Webster's Online Dictionary, to be immortal is to be exempt from death or exempt from oblivion. Immortality in the New Testament:

Immortality: Strong's #861 aphthrsia (af-thar-see'-ah); incorruptibility; unending existence; (figuratively) genuineness KJV-- immortality, incorruption, sincerity.

Immortality: Strong's #110 athanasia (ath-an-as-ee'-ah); deathlessness KJV-- immortality.

Do we have immortality, deathlessness, inherent within us? Romans 2:7: (KJV) *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and **immortality** <861>, eternal life: If we have immortality inherent in the human "being," then would we ever have to seek it? We are in the seeking process as Christians. What kind of "body" goes to heaven? 1 Corinthians 15:42: (KJV) *So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in **incorruption** <861>: 1 Corinthians 15:50: (KJV) *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit **incorruption** <861>.* Immortality is not inherent within humans.**

1 Corinthians 15:53-54: *If you have to put on immortality, it means you don't have it automatically yet. This theme is in many places throughout the Bible. Only the faithful Christians receive such a reward scripturally. One could live forever without actually being immortal. Immortality is deathlessness. One who is immortal does not rely upon any outside source for life and cannot die.*



Exit doors chosen ahead, *Ghosts' Past Lives*, iamjefferyallen.com

- *One thing that happened during that planning session is that you chose when you were going to die or the different opportunities at which you might die. I call these Exit Doors and I see these all the time in readings and healing sessions and with people who have had a difficult or kind of a near-death experience happen, or that they are afraid they are going to die soon. Now in this planning session before you were born, you pick these particular days and say, here are some opportunities for*



me to go. If it's better for me as a spirit to accomplish things I want to accomplish to stay in the life, then I'll just stay in the life and go by those doors and not die. But if it's a good time to exit, I'm going to go through this Exit Door.

1 Timothy 6:16: Only the resurrected Jesus had immortality. Saying our soul is immortal goes directly against several New Testament Scriptures written to the body of Christ telling us that immortality is to be *sought*. It is a reward for faithfulness, not something we automatically own. So, if the Bible says we do not own immortality, then how do we explain the soul in the New Testament???

Does the New Testament's description of the soul fit the Old Testament's description?

New Testament: Soul: Strong's #5590 psuche (psoo-khay'); breath, i.e. concretely the animal sentient principle only. These uses of *soul* fit exactly with the definition of a being as defined in the Old Testament. Man's soul/being is the man - it is not just his mind, heart or strength. **Luke 10:27** Jesus' soul/being sorrowed to the point of death: **Matthew 26:38:** Jesus freely offered his life/soul/being to die as a ransom: **John 15:13:** The loss of life in death is the same as the loss of a soul in death: **Acts 27:22**

Let's get back to **Romans 6**, this time let's look at the larger context. We understand death to be lifelessness, which is why resurrection is such an incredibly important part of the plan of God. Resurrection brings life back to those who lost it.

Romans 6:20-23: God created man with the *ability* to die. When sin entered, mankind would die as a result. God's mercy wants mankind to have an eternal existence; therefore, resurrection restores life through the ransom of Jesus Christ.

Are your soul and spirit the same or are they different?

The soul and the spirit are two entirely different things...

Spirit: Strong's #4151 pneuma (pnyoo'-mah); a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze

There are a wide variety of uses of the word *pneuma*:

John 1:32: (KJV) And John bare record, saying, I saw the **Spirit <4151>** descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

John 4:23: (KJV) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **Spirit <4151>** and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

Mark 9:25: When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit <4151>, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf **Spirit <4151>**, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

These examples teach us that "spirit" is not limited in any way to human form; rather it is used to describe God's influence as well as the influence of demons.

 Death goes beyond the third dimension, www.askteal.com

- *All death is is a shift in perspective. It is a withdrawing of your energy and focus back from the physical and into what could be called the non-physical, which is the perspective that you hold for... there is no time in this dimension, but we could say for a much longer time. Your larger part of you is always the non-physical, eternal-self part of you. Just because your eyes and your ears do not perceive something does not mean that it isn't there any more than you can stand in this room and say that the radio waves aren't there just because you can't see it. Your eyes and your ears and your senses were meant to be an interface for this one dimension only. They are a third dimensional interface. And so they do not perceive that which is beyond the third dimension. And so in death, what is happening is the vibration of a person is going beyond the third dimension.*

Next, the human spirit and God's spirit - same word and same sense of invisible power...

Romans 1:9: (KJV) For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

The Apostle Paul served God with his spirit - his power, influence, and drive.



Romans 8:13-16: This power and influence (Spirit of God), spirit of bondage (Satan's influence) and our spirit are struggling one with another to have supremacy in the human frame. We have to guide our own spirit - our own power, strength and drive - towards the Spirit of God. The soul is *who* we are - the combination of body and breath that can live and die. The spirit is power, will or force expressed by that which lives.

Let's take a look at some seemingly difficult Scriptures...Genesis 35:16-18 1 Kings 17:21-22: This is sensible - life can leave us and miraculously come back. This is similar to being revived in an emergency room today. It is not that the soul goes someplace tangible and then returns. Life leaves the body and can return if the dying process is not complete. Revelation 6:9-10: We know that Revelation is highly symbolic, but is the soul here disembodied and crying out with a loud voice? Here is another example of picture language used to make a point. Luke 19:37-41: Jesus triumphantly entered Jerusalem. His disciples are loudly shouting that Jesus is the Messiah, upsetting the Pharisees. Jesus tells the Pharisees that it was prophesied to happen, so if the disciples did not do it, the very stones would cry out. Jesus was not intimating that the stones would have little vocal cords and tiny mouths to speak. He was saying prophecy must and will be fulfilled. We cannot stop the plan of God. Genesis 4:10: Here is another example. Was God saying that Abel's blood had a literal, physical voice? No, his brother's blood was evidence on the ground of the murder. He gave voice to something that does not have a voice in order to make a point. We have to realize there are symbols that are used. We still use this technique today.

So the soul *can* and *does* die: Matthew 10:28: We learned from previous weeks' studies that Gehenna was a literal valley of destruction; an ancient garbage dump in Jerusalem. Jesus was saying: Don't be afraid of people who can kill you but can't destroy your future life in me through God. Only be afraid of Him who can take your future life and put you into second death where it is utter, complete destruction/oblivion forever. Jesus was saying the soul can be destroyed.

Acts 3:23: Here is another Scripture that talks about the destruction of the soul. In light of this, these following texts really show God's unmatched mercy through Jesus. Resurrection is the answer!

1 Corinthians 15:22: (KJV) *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Job 14:14-15: (KJV) *¹⁴If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. ¹⁵Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.*

Death is the absence of life. The answer to Job's question is yes, man can live after dying (going to an oblivious state of non-existence) because the resurrection of Jesus opened up the door for the resurrection of mankind. The vast majority of mankind will have eternal life on earth, which was God's original plan. For those few faithful Christians, they will have a resurrection to immortality with Jesus in heaven.

*So what happens when you die...?
For Jonathan and Rick and Christian Questions...
Think about it...!*